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REMARKS

In response to a telephonic interview with the Examiner, claims 1-42 have been cancelled, and claims 43-62 have been newly added in order to resolve any confusion regarding which claims applicants desire to be examined. This also confirms that the Examiner has entered the December 13, 2002 amendment that was previously considered non-responsive. New claims 43-62 are the same as claims 1-7 and 23-35 that were amended/added in the March 13, 2003 amendment.

Applicants submit that claims 43-62, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

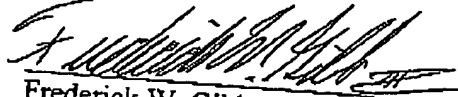
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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